

Housing Update

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Supportive Housing

Decent, safe and affordable housing
linked to a variety of
individualized, flexible support services.

Housing with access to the
supports.

1996 MH/DD/SAS Strategic Housing Plan

Set out common principles to guide housing development across populations.

Housing that is:

- Safe
- Affordable
- Integrated
- Permanent
- Accessible

1996 MH/DD/SAS Strategic Housing Plan

With access to supportive services driven by:

- Choice and Self-Determination
- Consumer and Family Involvement
- Access to flexible and individualized services and supports

Housing is Local

In 1997-98 DMH/DD/SAS funded 19 local housing specialist positions to take the lead in local housing resource development.

Building Local Housing Capacity

Housing Specialists at local programs :

Maximize existing resources:

- Develop expertise on the housing system
- Manage relationships with housing providers

Partner in the development of additional resources.

LME Housing Activity

- Existing group homes and apartments
- Relationships with local housing providers (Section 8, Public Housing, etc)
- McKinney Homeless Funding through Continuum of Care activities
- Local programming to meet identified needs supported by local funding

LME Housing Activity

- Taking on the role of Local lead Agency in Targeting units in Housing Credit properties
- Partnering with developers in “400 Initiative” development

Strategic Plan 2007-2010

Action Step #1

Involve consumers in promoting the role stable housing plays in treatment , recovery, self determination and/or full inclusion in the community.

Strategic Plan 2007-2010

Action Step #2

Develop strategies for implementing the Division's long –term strategic housing plan.

Strategic Plan 2007-2010

Action Step #3

Support to LMEs' housing specialists to increase knowledge and skills in all options regarding housing for consumers of mental health, developmental disabilities/substance abuse services.

Update of the DMH strategic plan will be informed by:

- Input from stake holders:
 - Consumers and families
 - Supportive housing providers
 - LME local assessments and needs

LTC Study

House Bill 1414 Section 10.2 (a) and (b) 2005

Study on housing and service options to meet the needs of persons with mental illness and developmental disabilities residing in or at risk of placement in a LTC facility.

Report due December 31, 2008

2007 Housing Expansion

Directs DHHS and NC Housing Finance Agency to report back to the legislature on “the most efficient use of state resources to meet the housing needs of persons with MH/DD/SA disabilities”.

Report Due March 1, 2008

Fair Housing for Tenants with Disabilities: Understanding Reasonable Accommodations and Reasonable Modifications

Guide created in partnership with NC Apartment Association, Legal Services, DHHS and the NC Housing Finance Agency

- www.nchfa.com/Forms/index.aspx

Affordable Housing Primer

Partnership between DHHS
and the NC Housing Coalition

Designed to provide important basic information and resources that individuals, particularly persons with disabilities, their advocates, families, and service providers, can use to increase understanding of the housing system and help meet their needs.

www.nchousing.org/affordable-housing-primer

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